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1. AIRCRAFT 123 MADE FLT 23, 21 DEC 62, CARRYING INS AND TYPE I CAMERA. TAKE OFF WAS MADE AT 9:08, PILOT BILL PARKS, ENDURANCE 1 HR 56 MINUTES.

2. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE FLIGHT WAS TEST OF THE TYPE I CAMERA. DUE TO LAST MINUTE TROUBLES IN THE STABILIZATION SYSTEM WEIGHT SHIFTERS THE SYSTEM WAS FLOWN IN CAGED CONDITION. ALL OTHER COMPONENTS WERE OPERATING WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON DETERMINING THE V/H AND IMC PERFORMANCE ON THIS FLIGHT.

3. FROM A PRELIMINARY CHECK OF CAMERA IT WAS WORKING SATISFACTORILY THROUGHOUT FLIGHT. HOWEVER, THE INS WAS OFF APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES AT LAUNCH AND DRIFTED MORE THROUGHOUT THE FLIGHT. AFTER LANDING IT WAS DECIDED TO LEAVE POWER ON THE INS AND TAKE OFF AGAIN AT 1300 HRS BUT AFTER TAXI TO THE SOUTH PAD THE INS WENT HAY WIRE NECESSITATING SHUT DOWN. THE SYSTEM IS BEING REALIGNED AND AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FLY AT 13:30.

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4. THE PHOTO RUNS WERE MADE GOING NORTH AT 20,000 FT AND 235 KEAS, GOING SOUTH AT 30,000 FT AND .9M, GOING NORTH AT 25,000 AND 286 KEAS, AND GOING SOUTH AT 30,000 FT AND .9M.

5. MAXIMUM ALTITUDE DURING FLIGHT 41,000 FT, MAXIMUM MACH NBR .9. TAKE OFF GROSS WEIGHT 90,000 LBS. C.G. AT 20 PER CENT. MERRY XMAS.

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